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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA: LAW OF THE SEA

KUWAIT FOREIGN MINISTER SHEIKH AL-SABAH'S STATEMET DELIVERED
AT THE 30TH UNGA CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH OF LAW
OF THE SEA:

QTE: WE CLOSELY OBSERVED THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE
SEA-BED AND THE OCEAN FLOOR BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL
JURISDICTION SINCE IT WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED AND FELT SURE
THAT ITS PREPARATORY WORK HAD SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED
TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF THE UNITED NATIONS THIRD CONFERENCE
ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. THOUGH THE CONFERENCE HAS HITHERTO
HELD MORE THAN ONE SESSION, IT HAS NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO
CONCLUDE THE DESIRED COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT WHOSE CHAPTERS
WILL ENCOMPASS ALL ASPECTS OF THE LAW OF THE SEA SO AS TO
PROGRESSIVELY DEVELOP ITS OLD PROVISIONS, BRING THEM IN
LINE WITH NEW FORCES IN INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY AND EXPRESS
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THE WILL OF STATES WHO WERE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE PART IN THE

PROCESS OF INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATION IN THE PAST. THE AGREEMENT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE NEW REGIME WHICH WOULD BE APPLIED IN THE AREA BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION THAT HAD BEEN DECLARED THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND AS A WHOLE. THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS IS VERY SLOW AND THE MAJOR MARITIME POWERS STILL AHERE TO OBSOLETE TEXTS AND SEEK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR ADVANCES IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEPRIVE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS TO THE RESOURCES OF THE AREA BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION. THIS ABNORMAL SITUATION CANNOT CONTINUE BECAUSE DISPUTES ARISE FREQUENTLY BETWEEN STATES OVER SUCH QUESTIONS AS FISHERIES, POLLUTION, THE RESOURCES OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF AND OTHERS. THESE MATTERS CANNOT BE RESOLVED BY UNILATERAL DECLARATIONS; MULTINATIONAL AGREEMENTS ARE STILL THE MAIN INSTRUMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LEGISLATION. WE HOPE THAT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE WILL REFLECT A TRUE POLITICAL WILL ON THE PART OF THE MAJOR MARITIME POWERS TO MEET THE WISHES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION OF LEGAL PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE AREA BEYOND THE LIMITS OF NATIONAL JURISDICTION. UNQTE. MOYNIHAN

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